

MARK Q. MARTINDALE, Ph.D.

Director of Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience

Professor of Biology



I am a broadly trained integrative biologist focusing on experimental embryology and evolutionary biology as an undergraduate at New College in Sarasota, Florida. I have since worked on the development or regeneration of some 15 animal phyla. I use both classical and modern comparative and functional genomics including being a co-author on two important genome papers of basally branching metazoans (the anthozoan cnidarian *Nematostella vectensis* and the ctenophore *Mnemiopsis leidyi*).

I am particularly interested in the origin of spatial organization during the early developmental period and changes in developmental programs associated with dramatic changes in animal body plans in a phylogenetic context. Other areas of interest include the role of life history evolution on development, the relationship between development and regenerative healing, the evolution of distinct cell types, the cellular basis of cnidarian-dinoflagellate symbiosis, and the molecular regulation of biomineralization.

I am strongly committed to scientific training and mentoring; twenty two out of twenty five of my former postdoctoral associates have tenure, are in tenure track positions, or have remained in academic science. Critical thinking and lifelong learning are important goals of our efforts here at the Whitney Laboratory. I have worked and taught at marine labs around the world and believe strongly in empirical science, field experience, and have consistently been a proponent of utilizing biological diversity as a tool for understanding basic concepts in biology.

Education:

1985	Ph.D. Zoology, University of Texas, Austin
1981	B.A. Natural Sciences, New College of the University of South Florida, Sarasota

Professional Experience:

2013-present	Graduate Faculty, University of Florida. Genetics and Neurosc IDP Program
2012-Present	Director and Professor, Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, University of Florida
2012-2016	Director, Seahorse Key Marine Lab
2007-2012	Director, Kewalo Marine Lab, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM)
2005-2013	Professor, Kewalo Marine Lab, UHM
2003-2013	Cell and Molecular Biology Program, UHM
1999-2005	Associate Professor, Kewalo Marine Lab, UHM
1999-2007	Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation Biology, UHM
1999-present	Graduate Faculty, Department of Zoology, UHM
1998-1999	Assistant Researcher, Kewalo Marine Lab, UHM
1997-1998	Associate Professor, University of Chicago
1990-1997	Assistant Professor, University of Chicago

Postgraduate Appointments:

1986-1990	Department of Anatomy and Cellular Biology, Harvard Medical School
1985-1986	Department of Zoology, University of Texas

Awards and Fellowships:

2021	Allen Distinguished Investigator, Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group/Family Foundation
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Mark Q. Martindale, Ph.D.

2009 Alexander Kowalevsky Medal for Comparative Embryology, St. Petersburg, Society of Naturalists

2004 University of Hawai'i Regents Medal for Excellence in Research Award

1998 NASA Life Sciences Fellow, Marine Biological Lab, Woods Hole, MA

1997 Faculty Teaching Award, Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago

1996 Evelyn and Melvin Spiegel Endowed Fellow and the Bernard Davis Fellow, Marine Biological Lab, Woods Hole, MA

1994-1998 Independent Lab at Marine Biological Lab, Woods Hole, MA

1992-1994 Independent Lab at Duke University Marine Lab, Beaufort, NC

1987-1990 N.I.H. N.R.S.A. Postdoc Fellowship Harvard Medical School

1988 Young Investigator of the Year, Runner-Up, Society of Developmental Biology

1985 Young Investigator of the Year, Society of Developmental Biologists

Associations, Teaching and Service:

2018 -22 Academic Advisory Committee, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

2017 Keynote speaker, Evolution of the Metazoa meeting, CNRS, Paris, France

2017 Invited speaker, International Invertebrate Morphology meeting, Moscow, Russia

2016 Southeast Regional Society for Developmental Biology Meeting Organizer

2015-18 Graduate faculty University of North Carolina, Charlotte, appointed

2015 NIH Dev1 Study Section, Ad hoc

2014 NIH Systems Biology ad hoc Study Section

2014 University Sao Paulo, Brasil, Marine Invertebrate Embryology, Instructor San Sebastiao CEMIMar Marine Lab

2014 Society For Developmental Biology (SDB) Meeting Co-Organizer, Seattle, WA

2014 NASA Astrobiology Study Section

2014 NIH Dev1 Study Section

2013 NASA Exobiology Study Section

2012 NIH CHHD Fall Study Section

2012 Sao Paulo School of Advanced Science, Brasil, Instructor Evolution Course

2012 NASA Exobiology Panel Chair

2012 NSF NESCent participant, Cephalopod Genomics

2012 NIH GVE Spring Study Section

2012 UHM Tenure and Promotion Review Committee (Convener and Chair)

2011 West Coast Regional SDB Meeting Organizer

2010-2012 Chair (Elected) of the Division of Evolutionary Developmental Biology, SICB

2010 Konrad Lorenz Workshop Participant, "The Emergence of Form," Vienna

2010 Distinguished Lecturer, Duke University Genetics and Genomics Program

2010 The Richard G. Kessel Lecturer in Embryology, Woods Hole, MA

2010 Sigma Xi, Full Member (Elected)

2009-2012 UH Cell, Molecular and Neurobiology Graduate Admission Committee

2009 NSF Genome Resource for Non-Model Systems Invited Workshop

2008 Fellow (Eluse both classical and modern teched) American Association of the Advancement of Science

2006 NSF NESCent participant, Myelin as a Model for Evolutionary Innovation

2006 Chair, P.B.R.C. Departmental Personnel Committee (DPC)

2004 Basal Metazoan Genome Steering Committee, Joint Genome Institute (D.O.E)

2003 Hawaii's Center for Genomics/Proteomics, and Bioinform. Res. Initiative

2003-2006 University Research Council (URC) Member

2003-2004 Chair, P.B.R.C. Departmental Personnel Committee (DPC)

2002 Cruickshank Endowed Lecturer, University of Rhode Island

2001 Co-instructor, Comparative Invertebrate Embryology, Friday Harbor, University of Washington

1999-2002 Program Officer, Division of Evolutionary Development, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
1999-2010 Instructor, Embryology Course, MBL, Woods Hole, MA
1996 Lecturer, Embryology, Course MBL, Woods Hole, MA
1996-1997 Lecturer, Development and Neurobiology of the Leech, MBL, Woods Hole, MA
1996-1999 Member-at-Large, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
1996 Organizer, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, "Evolution of Development: Patterns and Process", Albuquerque, New Mexico
1994 Co-Organizer, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Symposium, "Evolution of Animal Body Plans"
1993 Minority Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, Founding Member, Univ. Chicago

Publishing:

Co-Editor-in-Chief: EvoDevo (Open Access, BioMed Central) (www.evodevojournal.com)

Editorial Boards: Developmental Biology Development, Genes, and Evolution (DGE)
Evolution and Development
Zoology
Acta Zoologica

Guest Editor: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (P.N.A.S.)
PLoS Genetics

Recent Publications (2012-Present):

Total citations: 22,718 (5/25/2022)

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- Babonis, L.S., Enjolras, C., Ryan, J.F., and **Martindale, M.Q.** 2022. A novel regulatory gene promotes novel cell fate by suppressing ancestral fate. *PNAS*, 119(19) 10.1073/pnas.2113701119.
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- Edgar, A., Ponciano, J., and **Martindale, M.Q.** 2022. Ctenophores are direct developers that reproduce continuously beginning very early after hatching. *PNAS*, 119 (18) e2122052119 DOI 10.1073/pnas.2122052119.
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Bading, K.T., Kaehlert, S., Chi, X., Jaspers, C., **Martindale, M.Q.**, and Javidpour, J. 2017. Food availability drives plastic self-repair response in a basal metazoan: A case study on the invasive ctenophore *Mnemiopsis leidyi* A. Agassiz 1865. Scientific Reports, Nature 7:16419
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